

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of claims:**

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of forming a semiconductor device comprising:
  - a) forming a gate structure over a substrate being doped with a first conductivity type impurity;
  - b) performing a doped depletion region implantation by implanting ions being a second ~~conductivity~~ conductive type into the substrate to form doped depletion regions; and
  - c) performing a S/D implantation by implanting ions being the second conductivity type into the substrate to form source and drain regions adjacent to said gate structure; at least a portion of the doped depletion regions is directly beneath and separated from said source and drain regions;
    - (1) said doped depletion regions having an impurity concentration and thickness so that said doped depletion regions are depleted due to a built-in potential created between said doped depletion regions and said substrate;
    - said doped depletion regions having an impurity concentration so that a built-in junction potential between said doped depletion regions and said substrate forms depletion regions in the substrate

between said source and drain regions and the doped depletion regions;

said depletion regions have a net impurity concentration of the first conductivity type,

a channel region in said substrate under said gate structure;  
wherein said doped depletion regions are not directly beneath said channel region.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 wherein said doped depletion regions are not formed directly under said gate structure.
3. (CANCELED)
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 which further includes said doped depletion regions having an impurity concentration so that a built-in junction potential between said doped depletion regions and said substrate forms depletion regions in the substrate between the source and drain regions and the doped depletion regions; said depletion regions have a net impurity concentration of the first conductivity type;  
said depletion regions have a net impurity concentration between  $1E16$  to  $5E18$  atom/cc.
5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 which further includes implanting ions of the first impurity type into said substrate between said source and drain regions and said doped depletion regions.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 which further includes performing an implant type selected from the group consisting of Halo implant, threshold voltage implant, and a field implant, that implant ions of the first impurity type into said substrate at least between said source and drain regions and said doped depletion regions.
7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 wherein a region of said substrate between said source and drain regions and said doped depletion regions has a concentration of the first conductivity type impurity between 1E16 to 1E18 atom/cc; a channel region in said substrate under said gate structure; said channel region has a concentration of a second type impurity between 1E16 to 1E18 atom/cc.
8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 wherein said doped depletion regions are fully depleted.
9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 which further includes performing a LDD implantation by implanting ions being the second conductivity type into the substrate using the gate structure as a mask to form LDD regions.
10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 which further includes performing a LDD implantation by implanting ions being the second conductivity type into the substrate using the gate structure as a mask to form LDD regions;  
the LDD regions are formed before the doped depletion regions.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 which further includes performing a LDD implantation by implanting ions being the second conductivity type into the substrate using the gate structure as a mask to form LDD regions;  
wherein the doped depletion regions are formed after the LDD regions.
12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 wherein said first conductivity type is p-type and said substrate has a boron concentration between  $1\text{E}17$  to  $1\text{E}19$  atom/cc.
13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 wherein said first conductivity type is n-type and said substrate has an As or P concentration between  $1\text{E}17$  to  $1\text{E}19$  atom/cc.
14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 wherein said substrate is comprised of Si or SiGe or strained Si, or relaxed SiGe or strained Ge.
15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein said gate structure has a channel width between  $0.04$  and  $0.5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ .
16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 which further includes performing a LDD implantation by implanting ions being the second conductivity type into the substrate using the gate structure as a mask to form LDD regions; the LDD implantation is performed by implanting As ions at a dose between  $5\text{E}14$  and  $1\text{E}16$  atoms  $/\text{cm}^2$ , at an energy between  $1\text{ keV}$  and  $10\text{ keV}$ .

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 which further includes performing a LDD implantation by implanting ions being the second conductivity type into the substrate using the gate structure as a mask to form LDD regions;
- the LDD implantation is performed by implanting Boron ions at a dose between  $1\text{E}14$  and  $5\text{E}15$  atoms / $\text{cm}^2$ , at an energy between 1 keV and 10 keV.
18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein the doped depletion region implantation is performed by implanting As or P ions at a dose between  $5\text{E}12$  and  $5\text{E}13$  atoms/ $\text{cm}^2$ , at an energy between 100 keV and 500 keV; said doped depletion ~~regions~~ ~~region~~ having a minimum depth below a surface of said substrate between 0.09 and 0.7  $\mu\text{m}$ .
19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein the doped depletion region implantation is performed by implanting boron ions at a dose between  $5\text{E}11$  and  $5\text{E}13$  atoms/ $\text{cm}^2$  at an energy between 50 keV and 200 keV; said doped depletion ~~regions~~ ~~region~~ having a minimum depth below a surface of the substrate between 0.09 and 0.7  $\mu\text{m}$ .
20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 wherein the S/D implantation is performed by implanting arsenic (As) or phosphorus (P) ions at a dose between  $5\text{E}14$  to  $1\text{E}16$  atoms/ $\text{cm}^2$ , at an energy between 50 keV and 80 keV; said source and drain regions having a depth below a surface of said substrate of between 0.04 and 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$ .
21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 wherein said second conductivity type is p-type; and said S/D implantation is performed by

implanting boron ions at a dose between  $5E14$  to  $1E16$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup>, at an energy between 50 keV and 80 keV; said source and drain regions have a depth below a surface of said substrate of between 0.04 and 0.5  $\mu$ m.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 which further includes said gate structure having sidewalls; and forming one or more spacers on the sidewalls of said gate structure.

**CLAIMS 23 to 27 (CANCELED)**

**CLAIMS 28 TO 35 (CANCELED)**

**CLAIM 36 (CANCELED)**

37. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 which further includes said gate structure has sidewalls; forming two or more spacers on the sidewalls of said gate structure prior to the doped depletion region implantation.

38. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of forming a semiconductor device comprising:

forming a gate structure over a substrate being doped with a first conductivity type impurity;  
performing a doped depletion region implantation by, using said gate structure as an implant mask and implanting ions being of a second conductivity ~~conductive~~ type into the substrate to form doped depletion regions; and  
performing a S/D implantation by implanting ions of the second conductivity type into the substrate to form source and drain regions adjacent to said gate structure;

the doped depletion regions are beneath and separated from said source and drain regions; said doped depletion regions have an impurity concentration and thickness so that said doped depletion regions are depleted due to a built-in potential created between said doped depletion regions and said substrate.

39. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 38 which further includes said doped depletion regions having an impurity concentration so that a built-in junction potential between said doped depletion regions and said substrate forms depletion regions in the substrate between the source and drain regions and the doped depletion regions; said depletion regions have a net impurity concentration of the first conductivity type.

40. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 38 wherein said doped depletion regions are fully depleted.

41. (CANCELED)

42. (CANCELLED)

43. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of forming a semiconductor device comprising:

- a) forming a gate structure over a substrate being doped with a first conductivity type impurity;
- b) performing a doped depletion region implantation by implanting ions being a second conductivity ~~conductive~~ type into the substrate to form doped depletion regions;
- c) performing a S/D implantation by implanting ions being the second conductivity type into the substrate to form source and drain regions

- adjacent to said gate structure; the doped depletion regions are beneath and separated from said source and drain regions; and
- d) performing a LDD implantation by implanting ions being the second conductive type into the substrate using the gate structure as a mask to form LDD regions;
- (1) said doped depletion regions having an impurity concentration and thickness so that said doped depletion regions are depleted due to a built-in potential created between said doped depletion regions and said substrate;
- said doped depletion regions having an impurity concentration so that a built-in junction potential between said doped depletion regions and said substrate forms depletion regions in the substrate between the source and drain regions and the doped depletion regions;
- said depletion regions have a net impurity concentration of the first conductivity type.

44. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of forming a semiconductor device comprising:

- a) forming a gate structure over a substrate being doped with a first conductivity type impurity;
- b) performing a doped depletion region implantation by implanting ions being a second ~~conductivity~~ conductive type into the substrate to form doped depletion regions; and
- c) performing a S/D implantation by implanting ions being the second conductivity type into the substrate to form source and drain regions adjacent to said gate structure;
- at least a portion of the doped depletion regions is directly beneath



and separated from said source and drain regions;

(1) said doped depletion regions having an impurity concentration and thickness so that said doped depletion regions are depleted due to a built-in potential created between said doped depletion regions and said substrate;  
said doped depletion regions having an impurity concentration so that a built-in junction potential between said doped depletion regions and said substrate forms depletion regions in the substrate between said source and drain regions and the doped depletion regions;  
said depletion regions have a net impurity concentration of the first conductivity type;  
said depletion regions have a net impurity concentration between  $1\text{E}16$  to  $5\text{E}18$  atom/cc.